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Apostrophes A

15n. To form the possessive case of a singular noun, add an apostrophe and an s.

EXAMPLES the sun's rays James's scooter the city's mayor

15o. To form the possessive case of a plural noun that does not end in s, add an apostrophe and an s.

EXAMPLES people's votes men's shirts the children's toys

15p. To form the possessive case of a plural noun ending in s, add only the apostrophe.

EXAMPLES the classes' election the Petersons' snowmobile

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EXERCISE A Above each underlined noun, write the correct possessive form.

Example 1. four ^{weeks'} weeks supply

- three doctors opinions
- Mrs. King business
- Chris bicycle
- the mice favorite hiding place
- in ten years time
- the women locker room
- the team beloved mascot
- New Orleans jazz scene
- two sisters secret
- the Wilsons house

EXERCISE B In each sentence, underline the word that should be in the possessive case. Above the word, write its correct possessive form.

Example 1. The five ^{winners'} winners photographs are on page one of the newsletter.

- The Mount Vernon Chorus sang Jason favorite songs.
- One student brother had a minor accident in that big blue car.
- The Garcias new neighbor is Sandra Johnson.
- The banjo with broken strings is Jennifer.
- Carlotta voice was hoarse from cheering for the volleyball team.
- The raindrops patter could be heard on the tin roof.
- We brought a day supply of granola bars, water, and sandwiches.
- The photographer won an award for that picture of the wolves den.
- Do you know Carlos e-mail address?
- This weekend homework is written on the chalkboard.

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Apostrophes B

15q. Do not use an apostrophe with possessive personal pronouns.

EXAMPLES The red car is **theirs**. **Whose** car is that?

15r. To form the possessive case of some indefinite pronouns, add an apostrophe and an s.

EXAMPLES somebody's notes everyone's idea

EXERCISE A Above each pronoun, write the correct possessive form. If a pronoun is already correct, write C.

Examples 1. ^{somebody's} somebody lost puppy
2. ^C its new paint

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| 1. anyone guess | 6. someone science book |
| 2. everybody friend | 7. anybody opportunity |
| 3. her money | 8. The car is theirs. |
| 4. your skates | 9. no one first choice |
| 5. neither basketball | 10. Those books are yours. |

EXERCISE B In the following paragraph, underline each possessive personal pronoun and each indefinite pronoun. Then, above each indefinite pronoun, write the correct possessive form.

Example [1] ^{Someone's} Someone trash is another person's treasure, in my opinion.

[11] Everybody unwanted items can bring in a few coins at a garage sale. [12] When my family organized our garage sale, everybody attention was devoted to the project. [13] One night, someone dreams even focused on our garage sale! [14] We spent several days writing down anyone ideas. [15] We finally decided to make a list of everyone items for sale. [16] Soon, a friendly disagreement occurred when two different people thought the iron was theirs. [17] Dad claimed it was his, but Tanya was sure it was hers. [18] In the end, of course, no one possessions made him or her rich. [19] We set out everybody items together during the garage sale and then equally divided the profit. [20] We were all quite happy with our success.

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Apostrophes C

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- 15p.** To form the possessive case of a plural noun ending in *s*, add only the apostrophe.

EXAMPLES dog's bark the oxen's food four brothers' band

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EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, underline the noun that needs an apostrophe or an apostrophe and an *s*. Then, above the underlined word, write the correct possessive form.

Example 1. Which of Grimm's fairy tales should I read tonight?

- Jacob Grimm was Wilhelm older brother.
- Only thirteen months time separated their births in 1785 and 1786.
- The brothers enjoyed storytellers tales.
- At that time, storytellers held audiences attention by telling stories aloud.
- The brothers goal was to write down these stories.
- They carefully recorded the folk tales content.
- The Grimms notes for their work have been studied by other storytellers.
- Each written story words were very close to the original, spoken version.
- Have you read the story of Rapunzel long hair?
- Do you know about Snow White friends, the seven dwarfs?
- One of my sister favorites is the story of Hansel and Gretel.
- She particularly enjoys hearing about the old woman cottage.
- The cottages walls were made of gingerbread.
- Many people favorite story is the tale of Cinderella.
- Other stories appeal lies in their funny and fantastic scenes.
- For example, consider Rumpelstiltskin promise to turn straw into gold.
- Tom Thumb tiny size makes him another interesting character.
- Some readers favorite stories are those that resemble their own lives.
- A reader favorite story may present life as he or she wishes it were.
- These fairy tales are certainly a beloved part of children literature.